

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 39-51, 53-55, 63-66, and 70 are pending for consideration by the Examiner. The Examiner's indication that claims 39-50, 63, and 64 are allowed, and that claims 69 and 70 contain allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

The Applicant has amended claim 51 to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 69 and intervening claim 52. Claims 52 and 69 have been canceled and dependent claims 53, 54, and 70 have been amended to properly depend from claim 51.

Additionally, rejected claims 56-61, 67, and 68 have been canceled.

The Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Comments on Reasons for Allowance

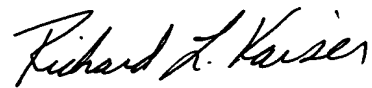
On page 7 of the Office action, the Examiner discusses her reasons for allowing independent claim 39 and states that independent claim 39 includes "a first and second ends being generally wedge-shaped to facilitate moving debris out of the path of the button as the button moves along the resistor path." This quotation of claim 39 is inaccurate. Rather claim 39 reads as follows with underlining added to emphasize the inaccuracy:

39. A potentiometer comprising:
a wiper;
a resistor plate having a resistor path thereon; and
a button coupled to the wiper for sliding movement along the resistor path in a first direction and a second direction opposite the first direction, the button including a first end configured to lead the button when moving in the first direction, and a second end configured to lead the button when moving in the second direction, at least one of the first and second ends being generally wedge-shaped to facilitate moving debris out of a path of the button as the button moves along the resistor path.

Entry of this Amendment and allowance of claims 51, 53-55, 65, 66, and 70, in addition to the previous allowance of claims 39-50, 63, and 64 are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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